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Dear Sir:

The ACP is not needed and all these TV commercials with African-Americans touting the economic benefit through job creation from natural gas availability attracting industry is baloney. Potential industries will be better served with soon-to-be cheaper alternative energy and those black folks hoping to find a job will find one quicker in wind and solar construction that are here today with more to come tomorrow. These are jobs that will give a man the security to raise a family. The jobs that will be available for pipe construction will be short lived and in some of the wettest parts of North Carolina. It would be better to leave these regions for aquifer regeneration and ecological stability of our natural fauna and wildlife.

I believe the ACP is nothing more than for Duke Energy to get a rate increase next year under the guise of spending money today to make gas fired plants available in the future to make cheaper electricity. BALONEY!

Three years ago Carolina Utility, water utility for Whispering Pines, NC, got a rate increase by reducing cost per 1000 gallons to secure an increase in their monthly service charge. It was to be a more equitable way of charging consumers for our water.

Last year they got a rate increase because of their installation of additional fire hydrants. While they were appreciated by the entire village, the fire chief was pleasantly shocked, as he had not requested them. Our area of Whispering Pines, lovingly referred to as the WP ghetto because of our being south of Airport Road, has existed for over 50 years with four fire hydrants; today we have nine and Carolina Utilities have their rate increase.

Our ghetto has it's moniker, not from race, but from being ignored by village hall. I believe we have only two black families residing in the 100 or so houses on this side of the village.

The proposed route of the ACP goes through North Carolina counties with some of the highest percentages of minorities in the state. They should not be ignored. And they should not be displaced just because they are black. You will be making ghettos in a rural area and destroying wetlands in the process.

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